

# JURY ACQUITS BUTLER AFTER HEARING STORY FROM HIS WIFE

Slayer of Hairfield Smiles as Verdict Is Announced by Clerk.

## PATHETIC SCENE IN COURT Spectators Ordered Out While Woman Testified to Save Prisoner.

"We, the jury, find the prisoner not guilty." (Signed) A. LEE THAW, Foreman.

In absolute stillness the courtroom heard yesterday this pronouncement. The jury, that once again made Mr. C. Butler, tried for the murder of John J. Hairfield, on the afternoon of May 12th, a free man. Not a ripple broke through the heavily charged atmosphere, for Judge Witt, just before the jury entered, gave warning that he would send to jail any man who started the least demonstration.

As the members of the jury filed past him, Butler gazed intently in the face of each. They were stolid and without a sign. But before they took their chairs, one of them in passing the clerk's desk said in reply to the latter's query, "Not guilty," and the prisoner knew he was to be free.

Rush of Congratulations.

When the verdict was announced in proper order, Butler's aged step-father came forward and silently shook his hand. Then others, many of whom had never seen the prisoner before his trial began, crowded forward, and there followed a siege of handshaking and whispered congratulations. Butler smiled, but without elation. Told that he was discharged and that he might go where he liked, he walked out, after the handshaking, to meet his mother, his wife and his child. Then he went home, which he had not seen since that afternoon when he picked up his little daughter and kissed her good-by. She asked him when he was coming back, but he went out without reply, and in less than half an hour Hairfield was shot and killed.

Butler and his wife and one or two others were placed on the stand, most of the testimony adduced yesterday was from character witnesses and was unimportant. When Mrs. Butler was called Judge Witt ordered the courtroom cleared. "Are you ready for Mrs. Butler?" asked the court.

"Yes," replied Mr. H. M. Smith.

"Her position will be very embarrassing," said Judge Witt, "and I will throw around her every protection that the law allows." The room was cleared, and remained so for an hour and a half.

Mrs. Butler confessed everything to save her husband's life. Her testimony was frequently interrupted by fits of weeping.

She related the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the shooting of Hairfield. He hunted for Hairfield until he found him at the corner of Eighteenth and Franklin Streets. He charged Hairfield with having killed his mother. The latter, according to the evidence of the accused, placed his arms around the man whose family ties he had ruined, and wanted to argue the matter.

Blinded with rage at the insult from Hairfield, Butler shoved him off and fired.

Begged Him Not to Shoot.

As the third shot rang out, Hairfield turned and begged, "Don't shoot any more, you've already killed me." Then he confessed. The evidence of husband and wife created a powerful impression on the jury. They listened with silent and eager faces to the story related by Mrs. Butler when on the stand at 11:30 o'clock. At 12:30 o'clock the doors were thrown open again, and the large crowd surged into the courtroom. The taking of testimony had been completed, and the instructions had been prepared. Thirty minutes was the time allowed for argument. At 1:35 o'clock the jury returned. They were called out, after having been in session twenty-five minutes, and ordered to dinner. But Foreman Thaw said that it would take them only twenty-five or thirty minutes to come to an agreement, and asked that they be allowed to continue. It was 3:25 o'clock when the verdict was rendered.

Butler convened at 10 A. M. D. C. Butler was the first witness called. He had known Hairfield twelve years. He stated that Hairfield had asked him to go to Butler's home for a good time. He did not go. Then came the character witnesses, Messrs. Maloney, McSwane, and others. Maloney testified that he knew Butler, and that he had always borne a good reputation. Mr. William Knowles had met Butler when he was on his way to Hot Springs, Ark., to be treated for rheumatism. He had to be carried in the train, for he was unable to walk. Mr. Greenstreet, Johnson and Bell and Police Officers Hughes and Carter also testified to the good character of the accused.

"I will give you forty minutes each," said Judge Witt to the lawyers.

"We have agreed on thirty minutes," said Mr. Greenstreet, "and am willing to rest the defense now."

Modified Murder Plea.

Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes opened. He said that he was convinced, after having heard the evidence, that it would be folly to ask for conviction for murder in the first degree. He asked for conviction in the second degree, manslaughter. He stated that the killing was voluntary manslaughter, the penalty for which is from one to five years in the penitentiary. "The information of the relation between the deceased and the wife of the prisoner," he stated, "came to me between about 2 o'clock, and the killing did not take place a few minutes before 4 o'clock that afternoon. Did that give the prisoner 'cooling time'? Was it in a sudden transport of passion that he committed the crime? You may be acquainted with the grounds of sentiment by the opposing counsel," he said, "we all love our homes. The law and the court instructs you that the law does not allow a man to kill another. Will you decide according to law or not? One may labor under partial insanity, but if he understands the nature of the act and its consequences and has knowledge that it is wrong, then he is guilty of manslaughter. Butler warned Hairfield off, and then shot him.

"Didn't he know what he was doing and have mental power to apply his knowledge to his own case? Partial insanity is not sufficient to exempt him from punishment. Reasonable provocation will reduce the crime from first degree murder to manslaughter. According to his own testimony he was cool and collected, and you are sworn to bring in a verdict according to law."

Mr. Folkes stated that acquittal would mean that every man might be

# WIFE AND CHILD STATE WITNESSES

Silas Smith's Family to Be Used in Effort to Convict Him of Murder.

## TRIAL BEGINS TO-MORROW Man Who Killed William Murphy at Acca Farm Confident of Acquittal.

After two postponements, the trial of Silas Smith, the horse trainer indicted for the murder of William Murphy, a hired man, at Acca Stock Farm on March 15th, is scheduled to begin to-morrow morning in the Henrico county Circuit Court. All of the witnesses have been summoned, and as there is no great amount of evidence to be heard, the trial will hardly occupy more than two days, though the jury has agreed to allow an additional day, if necessary.

Wife a State Witness.

Mrs. Smith and her sixteen-year-old daughter, who have been spending some time in South Boston, returned to the city yesterday morning, having been summoned by the Commonwealth as witnesses. They visited the prisoner soon after their arrival.

The murder was committed in the early hours of the morning of March 15th, while there was no one in the Smith home except the two small children and the principals in the tragedy. Mrs. Smith and the older daughter had gone to the Deep Run Hunt Club premises in the early part of the day, when, according to their story, Smith returned from the city very drunk, and acted in such a way that they were afraid to remain in the house. Murphy is said to have accompanied them. On the evening after the killing Mrs. Smith said that she saw Smith take the small children also, but that she feared badly for her life if she attempted it.

Said He Was Very Drunk.

A few hours after he had given himself up, and was sitting in the ante-room of the jail, Smith was replete, but said that he committed the deed because he was convinced that Murphy's attitude toward his family was such that he should have been, and that he was not sorry for what he had done.

Mrs. Smith, on the other hand, stated that she knew the dead man but slightly, declaring that he had always conducted himself in a most gentlemanly manner. She said that she could assign no reason for her husband's conduct, except that he was crazed with drink. He was, she said, in the habit of getting on periodical sprees, but that "he was drunker on nights" than she had ever seen him before.

During his long confinement in the county jail Smith has been a model prisoner. He shows few bad effects, although he is much paler than when he was in the city. He has been a good hour of his trial approaches he shows practically no nervousness, and is apparently quite cheerful.

# ONCE AN INVALID MISS SMITH HELPS THOSE WHO WERE KIND

Evangelist Declares That Railroad Men Wheeled her Chair and Cot Without Complaint--Her Life Now Dedicated to Their Service.

Miss Jennie Smith, the well-known railroad evangelist, who is conducting a series of tent meetings near Thirtieth and Marshall Streets, has a history full of unique and unusual incidents. For ten years she was an invalid, unable to move without assistance. Notwithstanding her helpless condition, she spent a large part of her time traveling from place to place, having relatives and friends broadly scattered throughout the country, who frequently made long journeys on trains, coming in contact with many train operatives. As she could not rely upon her own strength to insure her against the inconveniences and dangers of travel, she necessarily looked to the men in charge of trains for aid. She says they were very kind to her, handling her cot or wheel chair always with the utmost tenderness, and paying her every other attention which a helpless traveler could need.

As a result of their kindness, she became very strongly attached to railroad men, and lived with the almost single hope that she might sometime repay them for the service. "Then," said she, "after spending a whole night in prayer, my affliction was removed in the twinkling of an eye."

From that time she began to work in which she is now engaged. For the last fifteen years, with whatever bodily discomforts and hardships, she has gone from ocean to ocean, working in the interest of railroad men.

The meeting at Marshall and Thirtieth Streets will continue every night for a month, and it is quite probable that it will last through the entire summer. Miss Smith is attracting big crowds to the services.

# BOUGHT GUN AND KILLED HIMSELF

Pat Parker Commits Suicide After Long Period of Despondency.

## WELL KNOWN ABOUT TOWN Friends Urged Him to Brace Up, Though He Was Determined to Die.

Despondent and on the verge of a nervous collapse, William Ira Parker, one of the best known characters in the city, committed suicide in his boarding house, No. 211 East Marshall Street, yesterday morning at 4 o'clock by shooting himself in the head with a pistol purchased from Sam Stern, the Sixth Street pawnbroker, on Friday night. Mrs. Fred Jones, who boarded at the same house with him, heard the shot and gave the alarm. The door was immediately opened, but Parker was dead when found. He was about sixty years old.

For more than two weeks Parker had been despondent. Some time ago he told his friends at the Park Hotel, where he spent most of his time, that he was a failure and would commit suicide. Friday night he renewed the threats, but was urged by his associates to "brace up." He was given a drink and money for his supper. He then went to Stern's, where he bought the pistol. The pawnbroker asked him if he intended suicide, and on being assured that he was not, told him to be sure not to commit murder. Parker requested that the weapon be filled with water.

Was Reckless Pharmacist.

Parker, commonly known as "Pat," was a registered pharmacist, and had held responsible positions in New York, Washington and this city. About ten years ago he was driven from the drug business and took up with a salaried position, which he was fairly successful. Although he was practically penniless, he was very popular, and, according to his friends, did not drink to excess. He was a regular drinker, said one of them yesterday, but it never saw him drunk. He always seemed to know when he had enough, and left before he was drunk.

His father died about fifteen years ago, and his mother about five years later. He had no sisters or brothers, but is well connected.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of Mr. Conway R. Johnson, No. 511 North Eleventh Street. The services will be conducted by the Rev. George W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The interment will be made in Shoenock Cemetery.

The following will act as pall-bearers: Messrs. O. A. Lusk, William Foster, Ollie Farmer, William Sells, Clyde W. Saunders, Wirt Taylor, Harry Harris and Sidney Wilburn.

# FAIR PREMIUMS REACH \$35,000

## Manager Preparing for Best Attractions Ever Provided Here.

Premiums aggregating \$35,000 will be awarded at the Virginia State Fair, which opens here in October. Every other schedule has been revised, the prizes being placed higher, than in previous years. This puts the fair on a par with the best in the United States.

During the past week General Manager Mark R. Lloyd and his assistants have been busy handling correspondence and arranging the preliminaries. A good part of the time was spent in preparing the premium list, which has been given to the committee expected that it will be ready for distribution by the latter part of this week.

Fine Premium List.

Requests for the list have been unprecedented. The pamphlet contains the complete premium list in addition to the list of the names of the exhibitors, and much valuable information concerning other features of the fair. The race schedule will be printed in the course of the afternoon, and mailed to all of the prominent horsemen of Virginia and adjacent States.

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# MRS. DONNELLA LOSES HER SUIT

## Henrico Jury Refuses to Convict Her Husband for Non-Support.

Attired in a pretty blue suit, Mrs. Bertha Donnella walked out of the Henrico Courthouse yesterday morning with the air of her eyes well above the throng which crowded the courtroom. After hearing an unfavorable verdict from the jury, learning that in the opinion of the court she must hereafter shuffle for herself, she immediately left the courtroom with an air of haughty dignity.

The jury made quick work of it, its deliberations required only a few minutes, after which a verdict was rendered setting Frank Donnella free from financial obligations to his pretty wife.

In the main the evidence made it appear that Mrs. Donnella's case was rather weak. It was brought out in the evidence that she told conflicting stories about the fatal ride, since which she and her husband have been separated. The trial occupied about three hours.

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# RABIES INCREASING AT DANGEROUS RATE

Scientists Unable, However, to Discover Life History of the Germ.

## HOW MAD DOGS ATTACK ONE Travel Over Wide Area, and First Bite Victims on Hand and Face.

Cynics who scoff at the idea of rabies without studying a subject to which able students of science have devoted much time and exacting work, find that their views are not shared in a general way by the public, to whom the disease appears as a vague or intangible thing, like the fabled Nemesis, but carrying consequences much more to be dreaded. They, like the scientist, do not know the origin or cause of the disease, but they do know that a dog affected with it dies in great agony, and that every animal coming in contact with its poisonous teeth is liable to suffer a similar fate.

Becoming More Prevalent.

According to Dr. A. G. Hoen, director of the local Pasteur Institute, and others who are devoting special attention to the disease, the prevalence of rabies is increasing. It is true that the deaths of human beings from rabies are not nearly so numerous as heretofore, on account of the preventive measures now employed, but the increase of losses among animals is very noticeable.

The United States Bureau of Animal Industry for some time past has taken the matter up seriously, and is co-operating with the medical profession in searching for a remedy to stamp out the disease. This bureau was moved to take up this investigation purely for economic reasons, and makes exhaustive inquiries every year into the prevalence of the disease throughout the country, with the view of gaining some idea regarding the extent to which rabies exists among domestic animals. The result has shown that great numbers of animals die every year from rabies.

It does not always originate among dogs, as has been conclusively shown by the examination of wild animals, which showed unmistakable evidences of having died of "black tongue," or the dumb form of rabies, the infecting bite having been probably inflicted by a rabid fox or wolf.

"As concerns human beings, however, the matter is by far the most common and dangerous medium of communicating the disease," says Dr. Hoen, "and the most erroneous impressions prevail among the people generally as to what the true symptoms in the dog are."

"Dogs suffering from rabies do not frolic in the most reckless manner, but have fits or convulsions. They are often able to drink water, and seek it, having no fear of the water itself. The sight of it, or the noise made by its splashes, however, causes respiratory spasms of a suffocative nature, which in a general way simulates the choking of a person, but sure signs that a dog is affected with rabies is a weakening of the spinal muscles, resulting in a wobbling unsteadiness of gait in the hind legs."

Mad Dogs Always Restless.

Soon after the first symptoms restlessness begins to make itself known, chewing and swallowing unusual

articles—the dog begins to roam about aimlessly, often traveling considerable distances in a very short time. The inclination to travel is probably a species of delirium, and the dog, meanwhile, making it a rule to attack and bite every dog he meets regardless of size or sex. His senses of feeling and fear are utterly abolished, and he unhesitatingly attacks without bark or growl every object that may come in his way. A well dog, no matter how cross or angry, will dodge from the slightest blow, while one suffering with rabies will not be turned from his course or attack by blows aimed at his head, the heaviest cudgel or other weapon. Few rabid dogs are able to bark at all.

"In black tongue," says Dr. Hoen, "and fortunately so, the lower jaw becomes paralyzed almost from the beginning of the disease, so that the animal is unable to bite in the ordinary form of rabies, however, is just as dangerous as from the furious form. Here a great danger lies for those who own dogs in attempting to administer medicine, or to give them any substance, covering and adhering to teeth and gums, and a scratch from the teeth or the introduction of a small quantity of the saliva into a pre-existing wound is as liable to be followed by infection as from the color of the tongue in black tongue is really not due to a direct effect of the disease, but is owing to its exposure to the air, becoming dried and coated with dust and other extraneous matter."

Jump at Person's Face.

According to those who have closely observed dogs affected with rabies, the disease seems to stimulate some devilish instinct, that prompts them to dash at the face of the victim. If the face cannot be reached, then the choice is made between the neck and the throat of the body which may be any part of the body which is less dangerous through the clothing, as the cloth is a good defense from the virus of the teeth. Another curious thing is, almost invariably borne out by subsequent investigation, that, when persons have been bitten, the dog, finding the bites is a stranger to the community, having often come from considerable distances.

To show how far one of these dogs may travel and how much damage may be done on the trip, Dr. Hoen has been told of a case in which a North Carolina dog, for treatment about eighteen months ago. A colored girl, working at Lenore, N. C., was attacked by the animal, the dog was killed, which was unmistakably rabid. She was bitten several times on the face, but courageously grasped the furious animal by the throat until she thought she had choked him to death. After the struggle was over there were no signs that mischief was being done. The girl was brought to the Pasteur Institute here, and although her case on account of the great number of bites, she was regarded unfavorably by the physicians in charge, the treatment, which was promptly administered, was successful in curing her.

Investigation of the dog's actions showed that he came from Yancey, N. C., about forty miles from Lenore, leaving there about twenty-four hours previously. Before leaving Lenore he bit a man, mule and cow, and was afterwards taken to the hospital. The colored girl gave him, renewed his journey, and bit five other persons on his way. All of the people took the Pasteur treatment and remained well, but the mule and cow died with typical rabies about three weeks later.

Can't Locate the Germ.

"The disease," said Dr. Hoen, "is a contagious disease, and is acquired by inoculation before it can take place, never arising spontaneously in any animal."

"It has probably existed since the beginning of time, as it was written about by the Greeks a hundred years B. C., and is described by the Hindus as early as 1400 years ago. The ancient writers not only described the disease, but their writings show that they had, even at that early period, begun investigations with the hope of not only preventing, but of curing the developed disease."

"Rabies is undoubtedly conveyed by a living germ, which, under favorable conditions, is capable of propagating itself, following a universal law of reproduction, a property of all living matter. Unlike the germs of some other infectious diseases, such as typhoid fever, diphtheria, tetanus, etc., rabies has up to the present time eluded all efforts of investigators to isolate or cultivate in artificial media. When this is once accomplished, which means a knowledge of the life history of the germ, much will have been gained in stamping out the disease, and possibly the discovery of a means of arresting it in the early stages of its development."

Name District Committee.

The electoral board of the Henrico county school trustees met yesterday in the courthouse and appointed Dr. Paul Radd, John Burruss and George W. Burke the committee for the Highland Park School District. This district was formerly a part of the Brookside School District, and its division came about as a result of the formation of an attempt to secure a bond issue for the improvement of accommodations in the district. By dividing the district, the newly created district will get a separate building. This arrangement is expected to satisfy the need.

Northside Citizens Association.

The Northside Citizens Association will hold its regular monthly meeting to-morrow evening at 8:30 in the school house at Highland Park.

Important business is to be transacted, and every member is urged to be present. The standing committees are the Education, Finance, and the Committee on Revision of the Constitution will report.

# HAVE ONE WEEK MORE

## Members of Council Must Qualify or Resign

Eighteen members of the City Council—six from the board and twelve from the lower branch—have failed to qualify for the coming year, and unless they comply with the regulations before July 15th they will not be sworn in at the September meeting.

Members of the board who have not qualified are: Reuben Burton, E. D. Richardson, James A. Moncre, R. G. Reynolds, Robert Whitte, Jr., and J. H. Rogers. HARRY BURTON, Councilman John B. Biley, T. Francis Gray, Randolph Tucker, E. H. Ferguson, W. H. Garber, Jefferson C. Powers, George W. H. Rogers, Harry H. H. Rogers, Wise, John J. Lynch, C. H. Wiltshire, James J. Burke.

"FENCE" CASE CONTINUED

Three Men Charged With Receiving Stolen Goods.

Three men, Belmont, O'Keefe and O'Keefe, were in Police court yesterday morning, charged with receiving stolen goods. The men are believed to be connected in running a "fence," where stolen property is received to be resold.

John Feltvey and William Harb, charged with being suspicious characters, suspected of being concerned in the theft of the shoes, were also ordered held until the 14th. Feltvey and Pincus were bailed, each in the sum of \$500.

CASEY NEW PRESIDENT

Succeeds Tyson as Head of Central Trades and Labor Union.

After having served three years as president of the Central Trades and Labor Council, Mr. A. B. Tyson, of the Machinists' Union, declined re-election at a meeting of the council Friday night. He was succeeded by Mr. J. B. Casey, of the Boot and Shoe Union. Other officers elected were: Mr. J. J. Voltz, vice-president; Mr. John Hirschberg, recording secretary; Mr. Joseph Porch, financial secretary; Mr. J. J. Powell, treasurer, and Mr. John Stehs, sergeant-at-arms.

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# FAMILY IN VIRGINIA

## Smith Was in Washington Looking for Work When Fatally Injured.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., July 11.—Bernard L. Smith, who fell into an araway in Washington and died soon afterward, is survived by his widow and two children, who are now in this city. Smith was a native of Norfolk, looking for work, and when he went to Washington left his family behind. Mrs. Smith has telegraphed Major Sylvester, superintendent of the Washington police, asking that he communicate with her husband's father, Law, of 315 S. Street, in the annexed territory, last year.

The older Smith is said to be a man of means, and it is probable that the body of his son will be exhumed and sent to England for interment. Smith stated that her husband, who was a native of England, had worked in South Africa and in nearly State of the United States as a newspaper solicitor.

# MRS. MASON WINS SUIT

## Jury Gave Her \$1,500 in Damages, City Being the Defendant.

Mrs. Bridget Mason was awarded \$1,500 in the Law and Equity Court yesterday afternoon in her suit against the city for \$5,000 for injuries sustained by falling in a trench at Thirtieth and S Streets, in the annexed territory, last year.

Mrs. Mason was represented by Messrs. Talley and Cabell. City Attorney Pollard moved to set aside the verdict, but the motion was overruled by Judge Ingram. Mr. Pollard was given thirty days in which to make argument on exceptions.

# Y. M. C. A. GETS PERMIT

## Plans for New Structure on Grace Street Approved by Inspector.

Permits were issued by Building Inspector Beck yesterday for the erection of the Young Men's Christian Association building on the northwest corner of Seventh and Grace Streets. The cost named in the application was \$175,000. Plans for the new building have been approved by the city, and will commence in earnest in a few days. Repair permits were issued as follows:

Lewis Green, brick dwelling No. 614 North First Street; cost \$350.

The city of Richmond, to repair the First Market Street, by the erection of two skylights; cost \$270.

The Eagle Paper Company, for the repair of the brick manufactory on the east side of Marshall Street, between Kinney and Bowe Streets, and to put in two brick additions.

# DID NOT KILL DOG

## North Carolina Dental Takes Pointers Home After Examination Here.

Fearing that his dog, a fine pointer, was rabid, and that a scratch which he had received from the animal's teeth might result in hydrophobia, Dr. H. W. Gibson, of the Marshall Street, between Kinney and Bowe Streets, yesterday came to Richmond last week to take the dog under observation and to take the Pasteur treatment at the hospital here.

From the first, neither Dr. Hoen nor his assistants could detect the slightest signs of rabies in the dog and Dr. Gibson was assured that there was little probability that the dog was infected. As a matter of precaution, however, the dog was placed under the observation of a veterinary surgeon, where he was kept for a few days, but without showing any signs of disease. Yesterday Dr. Gibson, with his dog, returned to North Carolina.

Denies Criminal Offense.

The case of Edgar Michie, arrested on complaint of Miss Lydia Butler, was continued in Police Court yesterday morning to July 17th. He was bailed in the sum of \$1,000.

# News Gathered From Southside.

Chief Crooks, of the local Fire Department, has received a check from Ullman Bros. and Joseph Oppelman & Son, in appreciation of the work done in the recent fire in the feed store of Ullman Bros. Both firms extend their thanks and highly compliment the department on its quick and efficient work.

Daughters of Liberty Install Officers.

At the annual meeting of Select Council No. 25, Daughters of Liberty, held at the Lafayette House Friday night, the following officers were installed:

Councilor, Miss Clara Houseman; Associate Councilor, Mrs. C. A. Ralnes; Associate Vice-Councilor, Miss Fanny Dowdy; Inside Guard, Miss Susie Ralnes; Outside Guard, Charles Jones; Guide, Mrs. A. B. Johnson; Recording Secretary, H. A. Gill; Financial Secretary, Mrs. A. G. Belcher; Treasurer, C. A. Ralnes; Trustee, Miss Anna Medley.

State Councilor Ferguson was present and administered the degrees.

Sunday Services in Churches.

The following services will be held in the different churches to-day:

At Central M. E. Church the services will be at 10 o'clock, A. M., conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. K. Lovell. In the evening Rev. E. B. Jolly will conduct the services.

The morning service at Fifth Street M. E. Church will be conducted by Rev. J. K. Lovell, at 10 o'clock, A. M. At 8 o'clock, A. M., Rev. Mr. Smith, of Pullon, will preach at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Rev. D. G. Lancaster, pastor, will preach in the morning on "A Good Soldier." In the evening, at 7 o'clock, "A Good Soldier" will be the theme with "A Good Soldier" as the theme.

The pastor of Bainbridge Street Baptist Church, the Rev. J. W. Dure

ham, will fill his pulpit at both services. In the evening he will continue his lecture on "Life and Customs of the People of Biblical Times." His subject for the evening will be "Eunuchs and Wallings of the Bible."

The services at Asbury M. E. Church will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. G. Burch. Subject at the 10 o'clock service, "The Problem." There will be installation of officers at 8 o'clock P. M., at which service there will be special music by the junior choir, assisted by the church choir. Program: "Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing," church choir; "O'er the Hills, O'er the Hills," solo; "Mother's Song," junior choir.

Last Night of Lawn Party.

After holding a lawn party on the courthouse green every night during the week, Beta Chapter, of Stockton Street Church, closed last night, realising quite a large sum for the week's proceedings. The ladies of the chapter wish to thank Judge Oglethorpe for his kindness in granting special permission for the fête to be held on the lawn.

Death of an Infant.

Raymond W. Martin, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents, No. 206 East Thirteenth Street, at 5:20 o'clock. The funeral will take place from the home of the parents this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Salle Cheatham and Willie Coleman, both colored, were locked up last night by Officer Waymack on the charge of being drunk. It was seen that Coleman was all right, and he was turned loose. Later he and a friend came up and attempted to bail Salle. She was brought before "Squire Jordan," but in Willie's words, "she ain't so funny" that

the "squire" thought it best to keep her locked up.

Persons and Briefs.

Mrs. George W. Smart and children are visiting Mrs. Smart's mother, at Jetersville, Va.

Mrs. David P. Walke is visiting friends in Petersburg, and will leave yesterday for Lunenburg, where they will visit Mr. Robertson's sister.

Mrs. Ida B. Lloyd has returned to her home after a visit to friends in Norfolk.

Mr. R. L. Pierce, of Fire Creek Mills, Powhatan county, who has been extremely ill, is somewhat improved. His illness, which has lasted for several years, was called by his bedside last week. Mr. Pierce is well known in this city.

Mrs. Lucy Mayo, of Petersburg, is visiting Mrs. A. T. Atwell in Porter Street.

Arlington Maurice, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Maurice, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Mr. Wickham Lloyd is visiting his aunt in Portsmouth.

Mrs. M. A. Doyle, who has been quite sick, is somewhat improved, and will leave for a short time to her home at Chase City, Va., returned home.

Miss Alice Layne, Miss Mary Garthright and Miss Annie Sanderfer, of this city, have returned from the guests of Miss Mollie Layne.

A musicale will be given at the residence of Mr. C. B. Ford, Forest Hill Park on Tuesday night, for the benefit of the Chancel Chapter, Church of the Good Shepherd.

# HEARST LEAGUE TO MEET HERE

## Independence Party May Elect Virginia Delegates at Jefferson Hotel Wednesday Night.

The first gathering of State-wide importance of the Hearst Independence party in Virginia has been called for Wednesday evening at the Jefferson Hotel, at which, it is said, Virginia delegates will be elected to the national convention of the Independence League, to be held in Chicago this month. The call for the Virginia meeting is as follows:

"There will be a meeting of those interested in the Independence party on the evening of July 13th, at the Jefferson Hotel, in Richmond, and, I understand you are in sympathy with this movement. I strongly urge you to attend this meeting and participate in its councils. Matters of the greatest importance will be considered at that time. Certainly the evidence coming from all over the country indicates the utter failure of our efforts, and that confidence in the securing of any real reforms through the agency of the machinery of any old party is entirely unwarranted. The minds of a very large proportion of the people of this country."

At the Jefferson last night it was said that the royal apartments had not been reserved for any of the shining lights of the league. Local Hearst followers were not able to give any definite information about the meeting, and no barrel opener was here to fill in the gaps. The editorial attitude of the Hearst newspapers yesterday indicated that they would not support the Denver ticket, which means that Hearst will have a ticket of his own.